



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q68077

Masaru DEGUCHI

Appln. No.: 10/046,095

Group Art Unit: 2833

Confirmation No.: 2414

Examiner: Nguyen, Phuongchi T

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For: EARTH CONNECTION STRUCTURE, EARTH CONNECTING MEMBER AND EARTH CONNECTION METHOD

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time for three months, extending the time for responding to the Final Office Action dated June 24, 2004 to December 24, 2004.

The USPTO is authorized to charge the statutory fee of \$590.00 (the difference between the three-month extension fee of \$1020.00 and the two-month extension fee previously submitted on November 24, 2004) to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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